

1962 - "Silent Spring" published; documents effects of chemicals on the environment.

1963 - JFK assassinated.

1963 - Martin Luther King, JR. delivers his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

1964 - The Beatles arrive in New York for their first U.S. tour.

1964 - Surgeon General's report links smoking to cancer.

1965 - U.S. officially enters war in Vietnam.

1966 - Cultural revolution in China.

1968 - Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy are assassinated.

1969 - Neil Armstrong walks on the moon.

1964 - First field test of an automated irrigation system.

1965 - Durable press cotton (permanent press) textile developed.

1965 - European wheat stem sawfly controlled in the Eastern U.S. using biocontrol.

1965 - Discovered that adding Vitamins C and E to bacon reduced levels of cancer-causing nitrosamines.

1967 - Discovered viroids, the smallest agent of plant disease.

1967 - Eradicated Screwworm fly from the U.S. using sterilization.

1968 - Discovered lupine is toxic to cattle.

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1963 - Congress approves funding for a new soil and water research station in Sidney. Francis Siddoway is hired as lab director.

1965 - The new ARS building, dedicated in June, is named the Northern Plains Soil and Water Field Station.